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1. ON JUNE 19 I MET PLANNING MINISTER WIDJOJO, WITH MINING MINISTER SADLI ALSO PRESENT, TO LEARN WIDJOJO'S WISHES FOR POSSIBLE SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH USG OFFICIALS DURING PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S VISIT TO U.S. JULY 5. I EXPLAINED I HAD NO BASIS FOR SUGGESTING AVAILABILITY U.S. OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY ON SATURDAY AFTER INDEPENDENCE DAY. I WOULD, HOWEVER, ADVISE WASHINGTON OF HIS INTEREST AND WOULD TRY TO GET HIM ANSWER BEFORE HE LEAVES JUNE 26. MINISTER WIDJOJO SAID HE HAD BEEN GIVING CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT TO THIS. WE DISCUSSED VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES: (A) POSSIBLE TRAVEL FROM ANDREWS AFB DIRECTLY TO WASHINGTON FOR MEETINGS AND LUNCH IN WASHINGTON, REJOINING PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S PARTY AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANDREWS AFB; (B) MEETINGS AT CAMP DAVID. DEPENDING ON

AVAILABILITY, WIDJOJO WOULD LIKE SEE TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON, UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON AND/OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS THOMAS ENDERS, EXIM PRESIDENT CASEY AND AID DIRECTOR PARKER.

2.) I WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING AVAILABILITY THESE OFFICIALS ON SATURDAY, JULY 5, TO MEET WITH MINISTER WIDJOJO, EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR AT CAMP DAVID. I FULLY APPRECIATE INCONVENIENCE OF TIMING BUT SUGGEST IT ONLY BECAUSE OF WIDJOJO'S MAJOR ROLE IN FORMULATION OF INDONESIAN ECONOMIC POLICY, INCLUDING ATTITUDE TOWARD NIED.

3. IN DISCUSSING SUBJECTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST, MINISTER WIDJOJO PLACED MAIN EMPHASIS ON GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH KEY U.S. ECONOMIC OFFICIALS AND SEEKING BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC MATTERS INCLUDING U.S. ROLE IN IGGI. WIDJOJO EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT OVER LACK OF PROGRESS IN MULTILATERAL FORA AS MTN NEGOTIATIONS. HE DESCRIBED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSALS FOR BROADENING PREPARATORY MEETING BEYOND OIL PROBLEMS AS BIG STEP FORWARD, IF U.S. COULD DEMONSTRATE COMMITMENT TO GIVING SAME IMPORTANCE TO OTHER LDC MATTERS AS TO OIL. WIDJOJO WOULD WELCOME DISCUSSION OF USG THINKING ON PREPARATORY MEETING, NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND UNGA SS PLANS.
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